

EMERGENCY COMMISSION MEETING
Minutes
Tuesday, June 17, 2014

A meeting of the Emergency Commission was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, in the Governor's Conference Room. Present in the room were Governor Jack Dalrymple, Senator Rich Wardner, and Secretary of State Al Jaeger. Participating via telephone were Senator Ray Holmberg, Representative Al Carlson, and Representative Jeff Delzer. Governor Dalrymple called the meeting to order at 3:29 p.m.

1. Office of Attorney General * (Request # 1838)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$346,364 to accept federal pass-through funds from the North Dakota Department of Transportation received by them as a grant from the National Institute of Justice, DNA Backlog Reduction Program, for the operating line (\$46,744) and the capital assets line (\$299,620) for purchase of a Gas Chromatograph/Mass spectrophotometer, solid phase extraction unit, and a 3500 Genetic Analyzer.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting yes were Carlson, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, Wardner, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

2. North Dakota Department of Agriculture * (Request # 1839)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$400,000 to accept federal funds from the United States Department of Agriculture, Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, for the agency's grant line (\$400,000) to promote and support specialty crop growers.

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Carlson, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

3. Office of Attorney General * (Request # 1840)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$84,000 to accept state contingency funds for the litigation fees line (\$84,000) for a lawsuit against the United States Department of Agriculture and its Forest Service to quiet title in the Dakota Prairie Grasslands and separately to defend North Dakota's enforcement of its laws related to the Tobacco Sales Act as determined by an arbitration panel in a cost share agreement with other states.

Senator Holmberg moved to approve the request. Representative Carlson seconded the motion. Voting yes were Jaeger, Wardner, Carlson, Holmberg, Delzer, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

4. North Dakota Aeronautics Commission * (Request # 1841)

Request approval for a line item transfer of \$300,000 from the grants line to the operating line (\$300,000) to update the Commission's Economic Impact of Aviation study.

Secretary Jaeger moved to approve the request. Senator Wardner seconded the motion. Voting yes were Delzer, Jaeger, Wardner, Carlson, Holmberg, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

5. Workforce Safety and Insurance (Request # 1842)

Request approval under N.D.C.C. § 54-12-08.1 to allow the Attorney General to appoint a special assistant Attorney General on a contingent fee arrangement in a litigation case filed against a software vendor.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, Wardner, Carlson, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

6. Office of Management and Budget # (Request # 1843)

Request approval to transfer appropriation authority of \$2,180,576 from the state agency energy development impact funding pool to the following eligible agencies as authorized in Section 6 of HB 1015 (2013 Session Laws, Chapter 15) for employee housing rental assistance and temporary salary increases for employees affected by energy development.

1. Tax Department (\$21,000)
2. Department of Human Services (\$842,419)
3. Industrial Commission (\$90,000)
4. Highway Patrol (\$97,768)
5. Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (\$59,673)
6. Historical Society (\$13,752)
7. State Historical Society of North Dakota (\$13,752)
8. Game & Fish Department (\$21,240)
9. Department of Transportation (\$1,034,724)

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting yes were Holmberg, Jaeger, Wardner, and Dalrymple. Voting no were Carlson and Delzer. Motion carried.

7. North Dakota Council on the Arts (Request # 1844)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$12,782 to accept state contingency funds for the salary line (\$12,782) to fund the family health insurance premium for an employee who was previously covered by a spouse that is no longer employed by another state entity.

Representative Carlson moved to approve the request. Senator Holmberg seconded the motion. Voting yes were Wardner, Carlson, Holmberg, Delzer, Jaeger, and Dalrymple. Motion carried.

8. North Dakota State Water Commission * (Request # 1845)

Request approval for increased spending authority of \$546,106 to accept funds from the Resources Trust Fund for salaries line (\$546,106) to hire FTE for five positions within the Water Appropriation Division to conduct hydrological reviews of permits, inspections, and compliance.

Senator Wardner moved to approve the request. Secretary Jaeger seconded the motion. Voting yes were Jaeger, Wardner, Carlson, Holmberg, and Dalrymple. Voting no was Delzer. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State
Secretary to Emergency Commission